

## **Announcement:**

### **Study of the United States Institutes (SUSI) for Secondary School Educators Program, FY – 2013**

The American Center of the U.S. Embassy, Dhaka, is pleased to announce the Study of The United States Institutes (SUSI) for Secondary School Educators program for secondary school educators from Bangladesh for 2013, there will be two institutes taking place over the course of six weeks, beginning in June through August 2013. **This program is focused on the secondary school educator who is seeking to introduce aspects of U.S. studies at his or her institution.**

The study of the U.S. Institutes for Secondary School Educators is an intensive academic program whose purpose is to provide groups of secondary school educators with a deeper understanding of the United States, while simultaneously enhancing their teaching skills. The institutes will consist of a balanced series of seminar discussions, readings, group presentations and lectures. The coursework activities will be complemented by educational travel. The institutes will include an academic residency component of approximately four weeks and a domestic travel component of approximately two week that will conclude with a 2-3 day program in Washington, D.C.

The program is focused on providing materials for participants to develop high school level curricula about the United States. To this end, the Institute may organize around a central theme or themes in U.S. civilization. Through a combination of traditional, multi-disciplinary, and interdisciplinary approaches, program content will elucidate the history and evolution of U.S. institutions and values, broadly defined. The program will also serve to illuminate contemporary political, social, and economic debates in American society.

**The ideal candidate will be a secondary school teacher who is involved in curricular development of the school, teacher trainer, curriculum developer, textbook writer, ministry of education official, or other related professional with responsibility to incorporate American Studies in his/her school.** The participants are expected to be mid-career, typically between the ages of 30-45, highly-motivated and experienced secondary school educators.

Participants are expected to participate fully in the program. They are expected to attend all lectures and organized activities and complete assigned readings. Family members and/or friends cannot accompany participants on any part of the program. Please note that teaching methodology and pedagogical methods will not be addressed formally in the institute. **Candidates should be aware that this is an intensive academic program and there will be little time for personal pursuits unrelated to the program.** The institute should not be viewed as a research program. It is important that these requirements and restrictions are clear to all candidates before they apply.

All participants are expected to have a good knowledge of English (post- graduate level). We encourage educators from non-elite backgrounds, from both rural and urban sectors, and with little or no prior experience in the United States or elsewhere outside their home country to apply.

Candidates nominated for this program will:

- be typically 30-45 years of age;
- be committed to returning to their home organizations following completion of their institute program;
- **demonstrate how his/her participation in the institutes will enhance course offerings in U.S. studies at the participant's home institution.**
- indicate a serious interest in learning about the United States;
- have a sustained high level of professional achievement, as indicated in awards and recommendations;
- have demonstrated commitment to community and extracurricular activities;
- have had little or no prior study or no prior study or travel experience in the United States or elsewhere outside of his/her home country;
- have computer proficiency (Microsoft word, internet and e-mail);
- be mature, responsible, independent, confident, open-minded, tolerant, thoughtful and inquisitive;
- be willing and able to fully participate in an intensive post-graduate level academic program, and study tour; and,
- be comfortable with campus life, prepared to share living accommodations, and able to make adjustments to cultural and social practices different from those of their home country.

Please find attached application forms, which candidates can copy and fill out in typed script or clear hand-writing. Please note that each application must include a letter of recommendation from either the Department Head or Supervisors. For further information please go to this link [http://dhaka.usembassy.gov/educational\\_cultural\\_exchanges.html](http://dhaka.usembassy.gov/educational_cultural_exchanges.html) .

The closing date for submission of completed applications to the American Center is **Thursday, December 6, 2012.**

The new location of the American Center is as follow:

**American Center,  
U.S. Embassy Annex  
J Block, Progati Sharoni,  
Baridhara, Dhaka-1212  
(Opposite the U.S. Embassy and next to Notun Bazar)**

*Please note that the Embassy work week is Sunday to Thursday. Fridays and Saturdays are weekends.*

For further information, please contact Ms. Tahnia Shahid at the American Center, (telephone: 8855500, ext.2808, e-mail: [ShahidTX@state.gov](mailto:ShahidTX@state.gov) ).

Sincerely yours,

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